Biography of Mr. Staten

I was born and grew up in a town called Rosedale. Rosedale is located in Baltimore County, Maryland, just to the northeast of Baltimore. My high school is named St. Paul’s, and their mascot is the Crusaders. St. Paul’s is a private school that I went to for nine years, and their colors are blue and gold. I went to college at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science, and a double minor in astronomy and theatre. While at Vanderbilt, I received a master’s degree in political science and international relations. Vanderbilt’s colors are black and gold. My lucky number is 13 and my favorite colors are black, silver, gold, blue, and red.

Before I became a teacher, I worked as a political consultant for Senator Ben Cardin and President Barack Obama. My birthday is March 13. My favorite sports are baseball and football. I love to play second base and shortstop. I also love to fence saber, so yes, I am a swordfighter. My sabers are named *Evangelion* which is Greek for ‘messenger of good news,’ and *Aurora*, which is Latin for ‘Goddess of the Dawn.’

I also like to play my electric guitar, the organ, and the piano, and write stories. I like working out, running, and playing dodgeball. My favorite sports teams are the Baltimore Orioles, the Baltimore Ravens, and the Vanderbilt Commodores. I also love cheering for Manchester United, F.C. Barcelona, and D.C. United. My favorite books are *The Lord of the Rings*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Angels and Demons*. My favorite movies include *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Star Trek*, *The Blues Brothers*, and *The Dark Knight*. My favorite foods are pizza, tacos and sushi. I love going to Captain Harvey’s in Baltimore to get an Italian cold cut, a cheese steak, or a steak sub. I also love iced tea, either sweet tea or raspberry flavored. Some of my favorite athletes include Cal Ripken, Jr., Ken Griffey, Jr., Michael Jordan, and Nolan Ryan. I went to college with current Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, and some of my hall mates included Jonathan Goff who won the Super Bowl with the New York Giants and played for the Washington Redskins. Some of my heroes are Dr. Martin Luther King, Senator Robert Kennedy, Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, and Abraham Lincoln, and astronaut Jim Lovell. My favorite television shows are *South Park*, *Futurama*, *Family Guy*, *Man vs. Wild*, *Rome*, *The Walking Dead*, *Falling Skies*, *Star Trek*, *The Last Ship*, *Chappelle’s Show*, and the Japanese anime shows *InuYasha* and *Neon Genesis Evangelion*. I also love to play video games. My favorite games are the *Mass Effect Trilogy*, *Call of Duty*, *Madden*, *Dragon Age*, and *MLB 15: The Show*.

Something about myself that I am almost ashamed to admit is that I love professional wrestling. I grew up watching guys like Stone Cold Steve Austin, Ric Flair, Bret “The Hitman” Hart, Hulk Hogan, The Rock, and the Undertaker. Some of my current favorite wrestlers are Roman Reigns, Daniel Bryan, and CM Punk. Well, that’s it for me; I hope you enjoyed this little introduction into who I am.

Where did I go to college and what were my school colors?

What are the three sports I like to play?

What do the following words mean?

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What is the name of my favorite restaurant in Baltimore and what do I like getting from there?

What did I study in college?